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PARTICIPANT STATEMENT  
PRC Form 61

Docket No: A2011-75

Ellisburg Post Office - 13636

The methodology for determining the closure or consolidation of a post office is not only arbitrary, capricious and an abuse of discretion, but irrational as well. To go through a list of post offices with no active post master and base a closure decision on that criteria, without consideration of other pertinent data is an abuse of "due diligence".

I will reiterate the rationale, stated in my appeal letter dated 9/6/2011, for consolidating the Pierrepont Manor (13674) office with the Mannsville office (13661) and keeping the Ellisburg office in operation.

- 1) The office in Ellisburg is larger, with more square footage, and not attached to another business structure (a diner), as is the case with the Pierrepont Manor office.
- 2) More business is conducted at the Ellisburg office. I can attest to that as a retired postal employee having worked in both offices.
- 3) Reference item #1: The Ellisburg office has more space to conduct the operation of the Star (HCR) Route that emanates from it. It also has more space available for PO boxes. A hardship for the Pierrepont Manor office when more PO boxes are required to meet the demand for proposed Ellisburg customers.
- 4) There is more and safer parking available at the Ellisburg office.
- 5) If the office in Ellisburg is closed, there will be an empty building within the village. Contrarily, the office in Pierrepont Manor can be assimilated by the business it's already attached to.
- 6) The fact that the HCR also acts as a "feeder", transporting mail for pick up and delivery to the Pierrepont Manor office, a distance of 3.94 miles, is a non-issue. Mail for transport and delivery can be accomplished by using County Routes 121, 87 and 90 to the Mannsville office a distance of 3.7 miles (.24 miles shorter).
- 7) Ellisburg customers would have to travel the 3.94 miles to the Pierrepont Manor office to conduct any business while Pierrepont Manor customers would only have to travel 1.9 miles to the Mannsville office if they were to be consolidated.

It is my contention that the USPS took the easy way out. The powers that be, more than

likely, looked at a roster of post offices with no active post master and went no further. To base a "business" decision solely on that criteria is unconscionable. No wonder the USPS is in such dire financial straits.

One has to understand that the Ellisburg office is located within the Village of Ellisburg, which in turn is within the Town of Ellisburg. All municipal government entities are located within the village of Ellisburg and serviced by the Ellisburg Post Office. Consider that the villages of Pierrepont Manor, Mannsville, Belleville and Woodville are all located within the Township of Ellisburg, the Town Seat as it were. To take the Town's identity away and reward it to Pierrepont Manor is ludicrous and makes no sense whatsoever. Albeit, in this day and age, nothing makes too much sense.

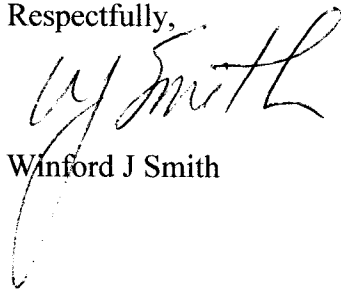
The Town and Village clerk, who does business on a daily basis with the Ellisburg Post Office, would have to travel a longer distance (3.94 miles) to perform their duties, thus incurring costs that undoubtedly would be passed on to local tax payers throughout the Township.

A simple, rational and common sense solution would be for the USPS to "consolidate" the Pierrepont Manor office with the Mannsville office. Close the Pierrepont Manor office, thus giving the business entity already attached to it more space. **KEEP** the Ellisburg office open, thus keeping the leased building on the tax rolls and not have an empty, depreciated building on said tax rolls. Village and Town operations will remain the same and not be inconvenienced. Transfer the post master presently at the Pierrepont Manor office 3.94 miles to the Ellisburg office.

The proper decision: Consolidate Pierrepont Manor with Mannsville and maintain the Ellisburg Post Office as is.

How any other determination can be concluded is beyond me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Smith", written in dark ink.

Winford J Smith

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

Ellisburg NY 13636  
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2011-75

Winford J Smith Petitioner(s)

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1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Ellisburg post office. The Final Determination was posted 8/23/2011  
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

Please see text addendum  
attached.